

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. ET at Indiana State University, 200 North 7th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47809, with Chairman Mike Alley presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Anne Bowen, Jud Fisher, Bill Hanna, Chris LaMothe (virtual), Pepper Mulherin, Beverley Pitts, John Popp (virtual) and Erika Steuterman

Members Absent: Edward Berger, Al Hubbard, Chris Murphy and Dan Peterson

CHAIR'S REPORT

Good afternoon and thank you everyone for joining us today. I would like to invite President of Indiana State University, Dr. Deborah Curtis, to offer welcoming remarks.

President Curtis provided remarks.

Thank you, President Curtis, for your welcoming remarks, and many thanks to you and your staff for your hospitality and hosting our meeting today.

I must report that we have three key members of our board departing this month. Our longest-serving member of the Commission, Chris Murphy, has indicated that he will not be seeking reappointment for his term that concludes at the end of this month. In addition, Dr. Beverley Pitts will also not be seeking reappointment. And, as you know, Anne Bowen's term as our student member also concludes at the end of June. Each of these members have been tremendous contributors to the Commission. We have resolutions honoring each of them for their service.

Jud Fisher offered the resolution for Chris Murphy.

R-22-03.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution honoring Chris Murphy. (Motion – Fisher, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

Dennis Bland offered the resolution for Dr. Beverley Pitts. Beverley provided remarks in response to the resolution.

R-22-03.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution honoring Dr. Beverley Pitts. (Motion – Bland, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

Pepper Mulherin offered the resolution for Anne Bowen. Anne provided remarks in response to the resolution.

R-22-03.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution honoring Anne Bowen. (Motion – Mulherin, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)

Chairman Alley and Chris LaMothe provided remarks on the resolutions.

I want to reference your agenda books that two articles that have been in the newspaper recently—one article by Michael Hicks and another by David Ricks. They really set the stage for the dilemma we have in our state. I encourage you to read those articles if you have not done so already.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Thank you, Chairman Alley. I am pleased to report on my first six weeks (or first 50 days, counting weekends). Some have asked, has it been busy? I prefer to think of it as full. Guiding the work, beyond the key areas of strategic focus, have been keeping in mind grace and gratitude. With gratitude in mind, thank you to President Curtis and the team at ISU, especially Greg Goode, for serving as such great hosts for this meeting. Thank you to the commission members for trusting the leadership of this work to exceptional team. Thank you to our university partners and others of whom we will ask a great deal and to whom we will commit deeply. Thank you to the incredible staff at the CHE for your efforts during these past 50 days.

Our focus over the past 50 days has been, and will continue to be in word and action, on key priorities are the higher education value proposition, the college-going rate, the adult workforce and population and the retention of college graduates in Indiana. We will also be focusing very intently on the value proposition, as many Hoosiers are not seeing the value and the opportunities that come with it. We have many challenges, but also many bright spots including 21st Century Scholars, Frank O'Bannon and the Indiana College Core, making Indiana one of the top states in the nation around dual credit and leveraging opportunities for high school students take advantage of those opportunities.

Lastly, we will be making key staff changes to our team. Charlee Beasor will be leading a comprehensive and robust approach to our marketing, communications and advertising. We will be hiring an Associate Commissioner of K12 Strategy, who will lead our incredible K12 outreach team and work closely with Secretary Jenner and the team at DOE, superintendents, principals, and others focusing on schools and students needing the most help, such as community and youth-oriented organizations. We will also be hiring an Associate Commissioner for Adult Strategy, who will be working closely with employers and organizations like the Indiana Chamber of Commers, DWD and WorkOne Leaders,

community and faith-based organizations, veteran’s organization, and other organizations reaching and serving adults.

Thank you, again. We will work tenaciously to fulfill this mission because our fellow Hoosiers deserve it. The economic and social prosperities that come from a postsecondary education are immense, and we will deliver on it.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2022 COMMISSION MEETING

R-22-3.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the March 2022 regular meeting. (Motion – Fisher, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Proficiency Benchmarks

Josh Garrison presented this item.

R-22-3.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the resolution setting the proficiency benchmarks. (Motion – Fisher, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)

B. Outcomes-Based Funding Model

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

Commission action on this item was tabled until the August meeting.

C. 2022-2023 Frank O’Bannon Grant Schedule of Awards

Josh Garrison presented this item.

R-22-3.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2022-2023 Frank O’Bannon Grant Schedule of Awards. (Motion – Bland, second – Steuterman, unanimously approved)

D. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Indiana University South Bend – Parkside Hall
2. Purdue University West Lafayette – Mackey Arena

R-22-3.7 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following academic degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hanna, second – Steuterman, unanimously approved)

E. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Ivy Tech Community College East Chicago

Mary Jane Michalak presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

R-22-3.8 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Mulherin, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

2. Purdue University West Lafayette Zucrow Lab

Alecia Nafziger presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

R-22-3.9 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)

3. Purdue University Ross-Ade Stadium

Alecia Nafziger presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

R-22-3.10 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Mulherin, second – Bowen, unanimously approved)

F. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Indiana University South Bend – Parkside Hall
2. Purdue University West Lafayette – Mackey Arena

R-22-3.11 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital projects, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Pitts, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff
- C. Media Coverage
- D. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings of the Commission

IV. OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 P.M. ET

Mike Alley, Chair

Anne Bowen, Secretary